

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 were presented at the time of filing and remain pending in the application. The allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-11 is acknowledged.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 5 is amended herein to clarify that the method encompasses administration of the disclosed compounds “to a subject in need thereof.”

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.


Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph because the specification, while being enabling for treating a subject having a tumor with the instantly claimed compounds, does not reasonably provide enablement for preventing a tumor in said subject. However, the Examiner acknowledges that the specification does enable the use of the disclosed compounds for treating and/or reducing the risk thereof.

Claim 5 is amended above to recite a method for “treating tumors and/or reducing the risk thereof.” Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

For the foregoing reasons, the claims are believed in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The dependent claims are believed allowable for the same reasons as the independent claims from which they ultimately depend, as well as for their additional limitations. Should the Examiner require clarification of any of the above, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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